

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

All claims and their status are listed below.

1-38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 44,
wherein the ~~study~~ materials provided ~~presented~~ have at least one level of
difficulty, and
wherein ~~the setting~~ the time period is based on the at least one level of difficulty
of the ~~study~~ materials.

40. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 44,
wherein ~~the setting~~ the time period depends ~~is based~~ on the ~~study~~ materials
provided ~~presented~~, and
wherein waiting for a user input ~~the method~~ waits for ~~the user to enter the input a~~
user input entered via a keyboard or position-pointing device.

41. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 44 ~~claim 39~~,
wherein the switching comprises adjusting an audio effect.

42. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 44 ~~claim 39~~,
wherein the switching comprises adjusting a visual effect.

43. (Canceled)

44. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for assisting a user to
learn a subject via a display coupled to a computing device ~~computer~~, the method
comprising:

providing ~~presenting~~, in accordance with instructions of a computer program
executed by at least one computer processor, ~~study~~ materials on the subject to be

presented to the user via a first window that is at least partially viewable via the display ~~coupled to the computer~~, where a second window is also at least partially viewable via the display;

~~waiting, in accordance with instructions of the computer program, to receive an input from the user via the computer to the first window, with the input being in response to the study materials; and~~

upon failure to receive a user input ~~an input from the user via the computer~~ to the first window within a time period, as determined by waiting for a user input entered via the computing device to the first window, and being aware of one or more user inputs ~~by the user~~ via the computing device ~~computer~~ to the second window during the time period, adjusting ~~the study materials~~ for presentation on the subject,

wherein the adjusting, which is in accordance with instructions of the computer program, comprises switching to alternative ~~study~~ materials that are different from ~~study~~ materials that would have been presented if ~~an~~ a user input was received ~~from the user~~ via the computing device ~~computer~~ to the first window within the time period; ~~and~~

~~wherein the method further comprises setting the time period in accordance with instructions of the computer program.~~

45. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 44, wherein the switching comprises ~~presenting~~ providing to be presented a question that would not have been presented if ~~an~~ a user input was received ~~from the user~~ to the first window within the time period.

46. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 44, wherein the waiting includes polling a device driver for a user input 45, ~~wherein the question is not on the subject.~~

47. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 46, wherein the device driver is a device driver of a position-pointing device 45, ~~wherein the user's reply to the question is not used to assess the user's understanding in the subject.~~

48-49. (Cancelled)

50. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 44, wherein the switching comprises increasing a stimulation level of the ~~study~~ materials to be presented.

51. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 44, wherein the switching includes providing to be presented ~~presenting~~ again at least a portion of ~~the~~ study materials already presented to the user.

52-55. (Canceled)

56. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 44,
wherein the ~~study~~ materials provided to be presented have at least one level of difficulty,

wherein ~~the setting~~ the time period depends ~~is based~~ on the at least one level of difficulty of the ~~study~~ materials, and

wherein waiting for a user input waits for ~~the input that the method is waiting for~~
~~the user to enter is~~ a physical input from ~~the~~ a user to the computing device ~~computer~~.

57. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 44 ~~claim 56~~,
wherein ~~the setting~~ the time period also depends on a reference response time of the user, and

wherein the reference response time is determined based on a previous session where ~~study~~ materials on a subject were presented to the user via a computing device ~~computer~~.

58-59. (Canceled)

60. (Previously presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 44, further comprising assessing the user's understanding in the subject.

61. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of ~~claim 44~~claim 59,
wherein the switching comprises changing a pace of presentation of materials to
be presented, and
wherein the switching further comprises ~~providing~~ presenting a question to be
presented.
62. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of ~~claim 59~~, claim 44,
wherein the switching comprises changing a pace of presentation of materials to
be presented, and
wherein the changing the pace of ~~the~~ presentation of ~~the~~ materials includes
reducing the speed of presentation of ~~the~~ materials to be presented.
63. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of ~~claim 59~~, claim 44,
wherein the switching comprises changing a pace of presentation of materials to
be presented, and
wherein the switching further comprises providing to be presented ~~presenting~~
again at least a portion of ~~the study~~ materials already presented to the user.
64. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 44, further
comprising providing ~~the user with~~ options for the user to determine how to proceed in
the learning process, upon failure to receive a user input ~~an input from the user~~ to the first
window within the time period.
65. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 45, wherein
the question is both displayed on the display and ~~is~~ orally presented.
66. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 45, further
comprising providing praises ~~praising the user~~ if the answer to the question is correct.
67. (Cancelled)

68. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 45, further comprising providing to be presented ~~presenting~~ again at least a portion of ~~the study~~ materials already presented to the user to help the user learn the subject if the answer to the question is not correct.

69-70. (Cancelled)

71. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for assisting a user to learn a subject via a display coupled to a computing device, the method comprising:

providing ~~presenting~~, in accordance with instructions of a computer program executed by at least one computer processor, ~~study~~ materials on the subject to be presented to the user via a first window that is at least partially viewable via the display ~~coupled to the computing device~~, where a second window is also at least partially viewable via the display;

~~monitoring, in accordance with instructions of the computer program, for an input from the user via the computing device to the first window; and~~

with no user input ~~from the user~~ to the first window, as indicated by ~~the~~ monitoring for a user input via the computing device to the first window, within a time period, but with one or more user inputs ~~from the user~~ via the computing device to the second window during the time period, adjusting, in accordance with instructions of the computer program, ~~the study~~ materials for presentation ~~to the user~~ on the subject,

wherein the adjusting of the ~~study~~ materials comprises changing a pace of ~~the~~ presentation of ~~the~~ materials to be presented.

72. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 71,

wherein the ~~study~~ materials provided to be presented have at least one level of difficulty, and

wherein the time period depends on the at least one level of difficulty of the ~~study~~ materials.

73. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 72, wherein the adjusting of the study-materials comprises presenting a question.

74. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 71 ~~claim 73~~, wherein the adjusting of the study-materials comprises providing ~~the user with~~ options for the user to determine how to proceed in the learning process.

75. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 71 ~~claim 74~~ further comprising assessing the user's understanding in the subject.

76. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 64,
wherein the ~~study~~-materials provided to be presented have at least one level of difficulty, and
wherein the time period depends on the at least one level of difficulty of the ~~study~~ materials.

77. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 64,
wherein the time period depends on a reference response time of the user, and
wherein the reference response time is determined based on a previous session where ~~study~~-materials on a subject were presented to the user via a computing device ~~computer~~.

78. (Currently amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium including instructions of a computer program for controlling a computing device coupled to a display to assist a user to learn a subject by a method comprising:

~~presenting study~~ providing materials on the subject to be presented to the user via a first window that is at least partially viewable via the display ~~coupled to the computing device~~, where a second window is also at least partially viewable via the display;

waiting for a user input entered ~~user to enter an input~~ to the first window, ~~with the input being in response to the study materials~~; and

upon failure to receive a user input ~~an input from the user~~, to the first window within a time period, as determined by waiting for a user input entered via the computing device to the first window, and being aware of one or more user inputs ~~by the user~~ to the second window during the time period, adjusting ~~the study materials~~ for presentation on the subject ~~to help the user learn the subject~~,

wherein the adjusting comprises switching to alternative ~~study~~ materials that are different from ~~study~~ materials that would have been presented if ~~an~~ a user input was received ~~from the user~~ to the first window within the time period, ~~and~~

~~wherein the method further comprises setting the time period.~~

79. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method to assist a user to learn a subject via a display coupled to a computing device comprising:

providing ~~study~~ materials on the subject to be presented, in accordance with instructions of a computer program executed by at least one computer processor, to the user via a first window that is at least partially viewable via the display ~~coupled to the computing device~~, where a second window is also at least partially viewable via the display; and

upon failure to receive a user input ~~an input from the user~~ to the first window within a time period, as determined by waiting for a user input entered ~~the user to enter an input~~ via the computing device to the first window, and being aware of one or more user inputs ~~by the user~~ via the computing device to the second window during the time period, adjusting, in accordance with instructions of the computer program, materials for presentation on ~~to help the user learn~~ the subject,

wherein the adjusting comprises providing a question to be presented, ~~and~~

~~wherein the method further comprises setting the time period in accordance with instructions of the computer program.~~

80. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the user is provided with options to determine how to proceed in the learning process, upon failure to receive a user input ~~an input from the user~~ to the first window within the time period.

81-110. (Canceled)

111. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 79,
wherein the ~~study~~-materials provided to be presented have at least one level of
difficulty, and

wherein the time period depends on the at least one level of difficulty of the ~~study~~
materials.

112. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein
the time period depends on the ~~study~~-materials provided to be presented.

113. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the time
period depends on the user.

114. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 79,
wherein the time period depends on a reference response time of the user, and
wherein the reference response time is determined based on a previous session
where ~~study~~-materials on a subject were presented to the user.

115. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the question
is on the subject.

116. (Original) The computer implemented method of claim 79, wherein the
question is not on the subject.

117. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the user's
answer to the question is not used to assess the user's understanding in the subject.

118. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the user's
answer to the question is used to assess the user's understanding in the subject.

119. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the question is orally presented.
120. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the adjusting further comprises adjusting an audio effect.
121. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the adjusting further comprises adjusting a visual effect.
122. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the at least one computer processor is [in] the computing device.
123. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein the at least one computer processor is coupled to the computing device via a network, which includes at least another computing device.
124. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 123, wherein the network includes the Internet.
125. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 79, further comprising providing ~~study~~-materials related to the question to be presented, if the answer to the question is not correct.
126. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 79,
wherein the ~~study~~-materials provided to be presented have at least one difficulty level, and
wherein the method further comprises providing ~~study~~-materials with a difficulty level lower than the at least one difficulty level to be presented, ~~to help the user learn the subject~~ if the answer to the question is not correct.

127. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 79, wherein whether the answer to the question is correct or not does not affect the ~~study~~ materials to be presented to the user.

128. (Currently amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium including instructions of a computer program for controlling a computing device coupled to a display to assist a user to learn a subject by a method comprising:

providing ~~study~~ materials on the subject to be presented to the user via a first window that is at least partially viewable via the display ~~coupled to the computing device~~, where a second window is also at least partially viewable via the display; and

upon failure to receive a user input ~~an input from the user~~ to the first window within a time period, as determined by waiting for a user input entered ~~the user to enter an input~~ via the computing device to the first window, and being aware of one or more user inputs ~~by the user~~ via the computing device to the second window during the time period, adjusting materials for presentation on ~~to help the user learn~~ the subject,

wherein the adjusting comprises providing a question to be presented, ~~and~~

~~wherein the method further comprises allowing the time period to be set.~~

129. (New) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 44, wherein the method further comprises allowing the time period to be set in accordance with instructions of the computer program.

130. (New) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium as recited in claim 78, wherein the method further comprises allowing the time period to be set.

131. (New) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 79, wherein the method further comprises allowing the time period to be set in accordance with instructions of the computer program.

132. (New) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium as recited in claim 128, wherein the method further comprises allowing the time period to be set.